Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Child abuse is a complex and ongoing problem in our society, affecting great numbers of children; and,

Whereas, Every child is entitled to be loved, cared for, nurtured, and secure; and,

Whereas, Community involvement is needed to help families break the cycle of abuse and improve family life; and,

Whereas, Child abuse prevention is a community problem and finding solutions depends on involvement of people throughout the community; and,

Whereas, The people of the state of South Dakota believe the deaths of children through acts of violence and through acts of child abuse and neglect can and must be prevented; and,

Whereas, The South Dakota Department of Social Services and South Dakota's Community Child Protection Teams hope to involve the state's population in supporting programs that foster prevention of child abuse and neglect:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim April 2004, as

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Fifth Day of March in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Four.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State